

OPINION AND ORDER

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1 Debtor filed the present appeal, assigning four errors: (1) failing to observe Bankruptcy
2 Rule 6007 when approving the Stipulation; (2) denying him and other creditors due process by
3 not giving adequate time for objection to the Stipulation; (3) approving the Stipulation where
4 there is no benefit to the Estate thereunder; and (4) approving a Stipulation that transfers exempt
5 property. The parties agreed that the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel should transfer the appeal to
6 this Court due to the risk of inconsistent rulings in Case No. 2:15-cv-1544 (“the First Appeal”),
7 an appeal of a related order already pending before this Court.

8 In the First Appeal, Debtor challenged an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving a
9 state court divorce decree and ordering Debtor to turn over certain property (“the Property”) to
10 his ex-wife in accordance therewith. (*See* Order, July 30, 2015, ECF No. 479 in Case No. 13-bk-
11 17576). This Court affirmed, ruling that any debt to Debtor’s ex-wife incurred in connection
12 with the state court divorce decree was explicitly non-dischargeable under § 523(a)(15). Debtor
13 voluntarily dismissed his appeal of this Court’s affirmance.

14 In the present case, Debtor challenges the Stipulation, which was a precursor order of the
15 Bankruptcy Court requiring the Trustee to abandon the Estate’s interest in the Property. (*See*
16 Order, July 1, 2015, ECF No. 394 in Case No. 13-bk-17576). The Court finds that the ruling in
17 the First Appeal controls the outcome in the present appeal. The Court’s previous ruling was
18 that the Bankruptcy Court’s July 30, 2015 order for Debtor to turn over the Property in
19 accordance with the state court divorce decree was proper. Debtor waived any argument as to a
20 contrary outcome by voluntarily dismissing his appeal of that ruling. He cannot now continue to
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1 argue that the Bankruptcy Court's July 1, 2015 order requiring the Trustee to abandon the
2 Estate's interest in the Property was in error.

3 **CONCLUSION**

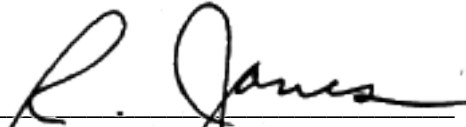
4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Order of the Bankruptcy Court is AFFIRMED.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion to Strike (ECF No. 2-9) is DENIED as
6 moot.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall close the case.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: This 12th day of December, 2016.

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13 ROBERT C. JONES
14 United States District Judge
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